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## ISEN REFUSES TO NAME FAST BUCK DEALERS



**POOLING EFFORTS** to get a four-year state college in Torrance are, from left, Jerry Schmidt, director of Ladera Civic Assn.; Stanley Remelmeyer, city attorney for Torrance; Roland Amberg, mayor of Rolling Hills; David Hayward, Redondo Beach councilman; and Jay

Sullivan, director of Rolling Hills Community Assn. The five will present a united plea for the Torrance site at a meeting of the state site selection committee in Westchester today. Final determination is scheduled to be made Friday in San Diego. —PRESS photo

### College Site Meet Today

Armed with signatures from more than 20,000 citizens, a Torrance citizens' committee — headed by the Rev. David Beades — and leaders of surrounding cities, headed by Redondo Beach councilman David Hayward, were in Westchester this afternoon battling to bring the area's new state college to Torrance.

The city of Rolling Hills officially went on record Monday night by a unanimous city council vote as endorsing the Torrance site for the new area state college.

This endorsement by a neighbor of the prospective Palos Verdes Peninsula site added to growing strength on the Peninsula opposing any college there.

Two busloads of local college site supporters and numerous private cars left from Torrance city hall to appear before the selection committee of the state board of college trustees at Westchester Elementary School. The committee was expected to officially reject the proposed Fox Hills site as unsuitable and to recommend either its earlier second choice on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, or to turn to Torrance as the next in line.

Present schedule calls for the committee recommendation to be heard Friday in

San Diego at a full board meeting.

Torrance officials reported yesterday that 13,249 signatures had been obtained to petitions opposing the Fox Hills site, and an additional 6,526 had urged location of the college specifically in Torrance. The Press has received more than 600 additional signatures, bringing the total to at least 20,375, plus numerous others that have apparently gone directly to various state officials and to the state college trustees.

### Torrance Youth Bands to Play at Bowl Concert

Four Torrance youth groups will be represented Saturday night in the eighth annual Youth Band Festival at the Hollywood Bowl, starting at 8 p.m.

Among the 25 bands and more than 1800 Southern California young musicians are the Torrance Area Youth Band and Junior Youth Band, both directed by James Van Dyck; the Los Caballeros Youth Band, led by Robert Cotton, and the Roaring Teens Youth Band, headed by Harold B. Murray.

Children under 12 are admitted free, and others may attend with a \$1 donation at the Bowl.

### AREA CITIES RALLY TO SUPPORT TORRANCE SITE FOR NEW COLLEGE

By RONNIE SAUNDERS

Southwest County and South Bay boosters of a Torrance site for the proposed four-year state college coordinated plans at a luncheon meeting Monday to present their final plea at a meeting of the site selection committee scheduled for 3:30 p.m. today in Westchester.

Final selection of the site is scheduled to be made by the State College Board of Trustees in San Diego Friday.

Attending Monday's meeting at the Plush Horse Restaurant were representatives of groups from Torrance, Redondo Beach, Lomita, Gardena, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, and Inglewood.

#### Spokesmen Set

Spokesmen for Torrance at today's Westchester meeting will be the Rev. David Beades, Polly Watts and Dr. Ragnar Thorensen, who will base endorsement of a Torrance site on availability of land here, centrality of location, and community interest.

Supplementing their arguments will be presentations by key figures at Monday's meeting: David Hayward, Redondo Beach councilman; Jay Sullivan, director of Rolling Hills Community Assn.; Jerry Schmidt, director of Ladera Heights Civic Assn.; Roland Amberg, mayor of Rolling Hills; and Stanley Remelmeyer, city at-

torney of Torrance.

Reasons for preference of Torrance to the peninsula recapitulated by the group include existing adequate police and fire protection; existing public transportation; and superiority of road and traffic flow pattern.

Hayward pointed out that zoning in the proposed Torrance area surrounding the college would be compatible with college development. He stated that both housing and shopping facilities would conform with the proposed campus environs.

Peninsula opponents of a Palos Verdes site stressed the fact that inadequate roads would create traffic bottlenecks and safety hazards, should a college be built in the Peninsula. They indicated that necessity of increased police and fire protection would result in increased taxes.

"We don't want a college on the Peninsula," stated Sullivan.

Other arguments in favor of Torrance included the fact that students who wished to work their way through college would be closer to industrial and business life of the community and that college students could afford to rent housing in Torrance whereas prestige prices of a Palos Verdes mailing address would make it impossible for students to afford to live near a college located there.

### MAYOR ASKED TO BACK UP HIS CHARGES

By BOB LUPO

Mayor Albert Isen last night refused point-blank to "name names" or to define "fast buck operators" whom he had earlier described as leading Torrance down the path to slums.

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta, a professor of government, noting that there had been recent charges of "fast buck" operators in Torrance — a pointed reference to the Mayor's speech of May 14 since parroted by the publisher of a daily paper in a nearby town — asked at last night's city council meeting for the names of these people, if there were any, and for information as to what violations they might have committed. He also asked if there were weaknesses in city building codes and how the ordinances might be strengthened.

Sciarrotta said he wasn't accusing anyone, but simply felt that if the Mayor had any information, he should inform the council. The councilman added that he wanted to be informed of any irregularities Isen might be aware of.

Isen retorted rapidly "I think your request is out of order. Nothing can be gained by calling names."

"It's up to you as a councilman," the Mayor said, "to do your own investigating."

"WHAT'S DONE IS DONE"

Isen said, "What's done is done. I don't think any city or county exists where some of this doesn't go on."

"I'm not going to name names."

Asked by Councilman Ken Miller what a "fast buck operator" was, the Mayor said, "There are all kinds of ways to define that, too." He repeated that he wasn't going to identify anyone or define the term he himself had introduced on May 14 when he "warned" the council that Torrance faces a slum situation in 20 years unless what the mayor termed the "quick profit speculators" and "fast buck operators" were checked. The Mayor had called for strict conformity to building and zoning laws.

He said then he was not singling out individuals but was commenting on a "general situation."

Sciarrotta told The Press that he felt the city ordinances were adequate, that they conformed to city and state standards, and that



**DETECTIVE FRANK SOLIS** examines weapon used by Robert Arthur Ryan to shoot Dorothy Lee Metzler and slay self last night in Torrance. Sgt. Mel Bennett (not shown) heads investigation.



**CHECKING CAR** driven to scene of fatal shooting by Robert Arthur Ryan is Officer Ted Goudy of Torrance police.

—PRESS Photos by William Schell Jr.

### Mother of 2 In Critical Condition

A 34-year-old Torrance man — despondent over the end of a romance with a Torrance mother of two — died early this morning in Harbor General Hospital, hours after he shot his girlfriend and turned his pistol on himself in an attempted murder-suicide.

The woman, Mrs. Dorothy Lee Metzler, 30, of 3127 W. 177th St., is in critical condition at Harbor General but is expected to live.

She still has a bullet in her head, it was reported.

Robert Arthur Ryan, 34, of 2818 182nd St., a mailer-contractor, had been dating Mrs. Metzler for several months, police said, since Mrs. Metzler's estrangement from her husband, Robert F. Metzler.

#### PULLED PISTOL

Last night, when Ryan came over to see Mrs. Metzler, the mother of two girls, age 9 and 8, told the operator of a mailing service that she was through with him and was going to reconcile with her husband.

Ryan then pulled a loaded .32 caliber Colt automatic out of his coat, fired one shot at Mrs. Metzler and put one bullet in his own temple, according to what the woman was able to tell police.

Mrs. Metzler's two horrified daughters came into the living room, scene of the shooting, as Ryan lay on the floor, and Mrs. Metzler mustered enough strength to call her estranged husband.

Metzler called Gardena police, who summoned the Torrance officers.

#### RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

Police put the time of the shooting at about 9:30 p.m.

The husband arranged to take care of the two girls, while Mrs. Metzler and the dying Ryan were rushed to Harbor General Hospital.

The shot Ryan fired at Mrs. Metzler apparently struck just above her eye, then grazed her skull, police said.

#### NO PREVIOUS THREATS

Metzler told police he had not known of his wife's intention to reconcile with him, but said he had been hoping for that to happen.

He said he had been talking to his wife in recent days and that things were "getting better" for them. The grief-stricken husband said he didn't know of any previous threats or violence by Ryan. His wife, he said, "wouldn't have stood for that."

### Jaycees to Honor Scholarship Winners

Winners of the 1963 Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce Scholarship awards will be honored by Jaycees at a candlelight steak dinner tomorrow evening at the Palms restaurant.

Receiving \$100 scholarships are: Frederick Coulter of South High School, Gary Klauer of Bishop Montgomery High School, Richard Grossman of West High School, Michael Jacobs of North High School and William Gulick of Torrance High School.

Recipients were selected on the basis of scholarship,

leadership, citizenship and participation in activities.

Keynote speaker at tomorrow's dinner will be Clifford Bollman, instructor of the Dale Carnegie School, whose topic will be "Enthusiasm."

Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce is an organization of young men between the ages of 21 and 35. Recent civic activities have included: Christmas toys and food for 45 needy families, sponsorship of a Korean orphan stricken with tuberculosis, sending 10,000 obsolete textbooks to the Hawaiian Islands, helping to staff Sabin Sunday, and installing

seat belts during the Torrance Safety Council's recent 10-point safety check.

Young men desiring additional information are asked to contact George Brewster, president, 20610 Anrita, or Douglas Hedde, membership chairman, 1115 Cranbrook Ave.

#### PHOTO CONTEST VICTOR

Sonia Crisologo, Marymount College student from Tokyo, Japan, was the winner of the annual press photography contest. Her prize was a complete darkroom kit, presented to her by Andrew Castle, photography instructor.

### Man Buried Alive in Ditch Collapse Here

A construction worker was buried up to his neck in dirt yesterday afternoon when an excavation collapsed in a field at Sepulveda and Maple in Torrance, where a new Don Wilson tract is under development.

Officers called to the scene found Juan C. Quiroz, a laborer, lying on the ground. Fellow workers had pulled Quiroz from the six-foot hole and applied artificial respiration and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to keep him

breathing. Firemen completed artificial respiration and the stunned Quiroz was taken to Harbor General Hospital by ambulance. He was unable to talk and was in shock, but the hospital reported he would probably recover.

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